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## Hospital Provider Fee Oversight and Advisory Board Application Announcement

The Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions is now accepting applications for the Hospital Provider Fee Oversight and Advisory Board. **The deadline to apply for this board is Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.**

### Background

On April 21<sup>st</sup> of 2009, Gov. Bill Ritter signed House Bill 09-1293, the Colorado Health Care Affordability Act, which will provide health insurance coverage to more than 100,000 Coloradans and reduce uncompensated care and cost shifting.

By partnering with hospitals, the Colorado Healthcare Affordability Act will allow the state to generate an additional \$600 million a year through a provider fee, and draw down \$600 million in federal Medicaid matching funds.

The combined \$1.2 billion will support Medicaid and the Child Health Plan *Plus* expansions and be used to improve hospital reimbursement rates for service provided through Medicaid and the Colorado Indigent Care Program (CICP).

The plan will be submitted to the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for final approval. Implementation is expected to begin in the spring of 2010. A 13-member Oversight and Advisory committee will be responsible for working with the Department of Healthcare Policy and Financing and the Medical Services Board to develop the hospital provider fee model, monitor implementation of the bill, help with preparation of annual reports on this program, and ensure that the Medicaid and CHP+ eligibility expansions are implemented as intended.

### Call for Applications

We are seeking executive-level applicants who are familiar with public health program administration and financing or who have financial and accounting backgrounds. Applicants should fit within one of the following statutorily-defined membership slots that make up this 13-member committee:

- 5 hospital members, including: 1 rural hospital, 1 urban hospital and 1 safety net hospital
- 1 member representing a statewide association of hospitals
- 1 member representing a health insurance carrier
- 1 member of the health care industry who does not represent a hospital or a health insurance company

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- 1 consumer of health care who is not employed by or representing the health care industry
- 1 disabled representative who is not employed by or representing the health care industry
- 1 member who represents business that purchases or otherwise provides insurance for their employees
- 2 employees of HCPF

This is a working board and appointees will be expected to dedicate the significant amount of time required to engage fully in this process.

If you are interested in applying for this board, fit the general criteria for selection, and meet the specific requirements of one of the membership categories described above, please complete and submit the general Boards and Commissions application and your current resume to the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions. Applications can be downloaded from our website at:

[www.colorado.gov/governor/boards-commissions.html](http://www.colorado.gov/governor/boards-commissions.html)

For more information about the application process, you may contact the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions at 303-866-6380.